

12.20.040 – Natural Resources Commission: establishment, composition, appointment of members

- A. Establishment – The St. Charles Natural Resources Commission (hereinafter “NRC” {formerly the St. Charles Tree Commission}) is hereby established and incorporates the functions and duties of the former Tree Commission. The NRC’s functions and duties are limited to those set forth in this chapter.
- B. Composition – The NRC shall be composed of eleven commissioners. All commissioners shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council. All commissioners shall serve without pay. Subject to the exceptions in paragraph “C” immediately below, each commissioner shall serve for a term of four years.
- C. Appointment of Members – Five (5) of the eleven (11) commissioners initially appointed to the NRC shall serve for a term of two (2) years; six (6) of the eleven (11) commissioners initially appointed shall serve for a term of four (4) years. Terms shall start on May 1. Determination of the initial term length (two or four year) shall be by lot. The Chairperson of the NRC shall be elected by majority vote of the NRC and shall be subject to re-election annually on May 1. The NRC may also include one (1) or more, not exceeding four (4), non-voting member(s) who shall be a high school student and/or college student resident having an interest in the duties and mission of the NRC. Student members shall be appointed by the NRC and shall serve on the NRC for a minimum of one (1) school semester and a maximum term of two (2) years. Student members may be appointed to the NRC at the age of eighteen (18) if a vacancy exists on the NRC.
- D. Expiration or Vacation of Terms – Within thirty days following the expiration of the term of any appointed commissioner, a successor shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council, and the successor shall serve for a term of four (4) years. Should any commissioner resign or be removed from the NRC, a successor shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council and shall serve for the unexpired period of the vacated term. A member of the NRC may be removed by the Mayor with the approval of a majority of the City Council.
- E. Official Meetings – The NRC shall meet twelve (12) times per year on the second Thursday of every calendar month.

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